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E.O. 11652: N/A
SUBJECT: RESTORATION PESHAWAR CENTER

REF: ISLAMABAD 7058

1. SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER PWD PESHAWAR REPORTS THAT BIDS SUBMITTED BY CONTRACTORS ON AUGUST 9 WERE ALL WELL BEYOND SUM BUDGETED AND NON COULD BE ACCEPTED. LOWEST WAS MORE THAN 30 PERCENT OVER. HE IS NOW ASKING FOR NEW BIDSXND PRESUMABLY HAS PASSED WORD TO CONTRACTORS THAT THEY WILL HAVE TO COME DOWN. HE TOLD OUR PESHAWAR OFFICER THAT THE AMOUNT ALLOCATED BY THE GOP IS RS. 132,000 AND LOWEST BID WAS OVER RS. 170,000. HE SAID CONFIDENTIALLY THAT IF THEY GOT A BID OF APPROXIMATELY RS. 150,000 THEY WOULD ACCEPT BECAUSE THEY HAD BEEN GIVEN THAT MUCH FLEXIBILITY.

2. ENGINEER SAID NEED FOR NEW BIDS WILL DELAY BEGINNING OF WORK BY ABOUT TWO WEEKS BUT HE EXPECTED THEY COULD START WORKING IN SEPTEMBER.

3. WE BELIEVE THE WORK WILL GET UNDERWAY SOON. ENGINEER SAYS THE PWD HAS BEEN GIVEN THE GO-AHEAD BY THE MINISTRY AND HE DOES NOT HAVE TO REFER THIS BIDDING PROCEDURE BACK TO THEM. HE CAN ACT
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AS SOON AS HE GETS A BID THAT HE CAN FIT INTO HIS BUDGET.

WHILE WE NOTED IN EARLIER CABLE THAT INFLATION HAS BEEN
RAISING PRICES RAPIDLY WE THINK THAT WITH PAKISTANI CONTRACTORS
WORKING FOR A PAKISTANI ORGANIZATION THE RESTORATION CAN BE
ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN THE RS. 150,000 APPARENTLY AVAILABLE.
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